

## Naloxone Administration (April 2013)

**Item:**

Drug used to counter life-threatening depression of the central nervous system and respiratory system commonly caused by opiate overdose.

**Classification:**

- Limited Advanced Life Support procedure
- Specified in existing regulations.

**Use and Level:**

- Not authorized for EMT unless approved as a Local Optional Skill
- Authorized for AEMT as part of basic scope of practice through existing regulations
- Authorized for Paramedic through existing regulations

**Authority:**

- Section 100064(c) of the EMT Regulations, Chapter 2, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations allows EMTs to administer naloxone for a suspected narcotic overdose with LEMSA approval.
- Sections 100106(b)(4)(C) and 100106(b)(8)(F) of the AEMT Regulations. Chapter 3, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations name Naloxone as a drug an AEMT may administer intravenously and in a way other than intravenously.
- Section 100146(a) of the Paramedic Regulations, Chapter 4, Division 9, Title 22, California Code of Regulations states that a Paramedic may perform any activity identified in the scope of practice for an AEMT.

**Training:**

As specified in EMT and Paramedic regulations for level of provider.

**Equipment:**

- No suggestions/recommendations

**Medical Direction:**

Used in accordance with a protocol written and approved by the local EMS agency medical director (HS 1797.220).

**Considerations and Recommendations:**

No additional guidance at this time.